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SUBJECT: 29TH GA- THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS ON REPORT OF
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (AGENDA ITEM 59)

REF: MATHESON/ WIGGINES TELECON (NOV 22)

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW ARE TEXTS OF THREE DRAFT RESES TO BE SUBMITTED TO

THIRD COMITE IN CONNECTION WITH REPORT OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
REFUGEES(HCR). REPORTEDLY, ALL DRAFTS WRITTEN BY COMMISSIONER
WHO HAS ASKED SWEDEN TO SPONSOR THE FIRST TWO AND THE SIX
SIGNATORIES OF STATELESSNESS CONVENTION TO COSPONSOR THE THIRD.
(US DEL RECEIVED ALL TEXTS FROM SWEDISH DEL AND HAS NOT BEEN APP-
ROACHED TO COSPONSOR).

2. RE ADMIN DETAILS, WE UNDERSTAND ALLOCATION OF \$2 MILLION FOR
EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (DRAFT II) ALREADY APPROVED BY HCR EXECUTIVE
COMITE AND DOES NOT INVOLVE ADDITIONAL UN BUDGETARY ALLOCATION.
WITH REGARD DRAFT III, WE UNDERSTAND HCR CHECKING ON NEED FOR
FIFTH COMITE CONSIDERATION BUT BELIEVES THIS UNNECESSARY AS OR-
GRANIZATION WILL NOT COME INTO BEING BEFORE DEC1975 AND HIS OFFICE
WILL SUBSUME SETTING UP COSTS.

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3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH POSITION PAPER, WE PLAN TO SUPPORT SUBJECT
RESES. DISCUSSION THIS ITEM BEGINS MONDAY A. M. NOV 25 AND IS

EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH NOV 26.

QUOTE

REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES ON THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS OFFICE,
AND HAVING HEARD HIS STATEMENT,
NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE EFFORTS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES INCLUDING THE SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN TASKS UNDERTAKEN BY HIM,
NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE POSITIVE TRENDS IN AFRICA THAT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY FOR THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES TO TERRITORIES EMERGING FROM COLONIAL RULE, RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANCE OF PERMANENT SOLUTIONS TO REFUGEE PROBLEMS INCLUDING VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION AND THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AS WELL AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES,
NOTING THE GENEROUS ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY GOVERNMENTS IN SUPPORTING AND CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER,
COMMENDING ACCESSIONS TO CONVENTION RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES OF 1951, THE PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES OF 1967 AND OTHER RELEVANT INSTRUMENTS,

1. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP SATISFACTION AT THE EFFICIENT MANNER IN WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND HIS STAFF CONTINUE TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR HUMANITARIAN TASKS,
2. REQUESTS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CONTINUE HIS ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THOSE CONCERNED TO HIS OFFICE AND TAKES NOTE, IN THIS CONNEXION OF THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INVITING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PROGRAMME BUDGETING, TO REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HIS SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN TASKS IN THE SAME MANNER AS HE REPORTS ON OTHER ACTIVITIES, FINANCED FROM TRUST FUNDS UNDER HIS REGULAR PROGRAMME,
3. REQUESTS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, TO FACILITATE THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES FROM TERRITORIES EMERGING FROM COLONIAL RULE AND, IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER COMPETENT BODIES

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OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THEIR REHABILITATION IN THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN,

4. REQUESTS FURTHER THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS, IN COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, UNITED NATIONS BODIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, TO PROMOTE PERMANENT AND SPEEDY SOLUTIONS THROUGH VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION AND ASSISTANCE IN REHABILITATION WHERE NECESSARY, INTEGRATION IN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM OR RESETTLEMENT IN

OTHER COUNTRIES,

5. URGES GOVERNMENTS TO INTENSIFY THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE HIGH

COMMISSIONER'S HUMANITARIAN TASKS BY:

A) FACILITATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS TASKS IN THE FIELD
OF INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION
B) COOPERATING IN THE PROMOTION OF PERMANENT SOLUTIONS TO THE
PROBLEMS FACED BY HIS OFFICE
:) PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL MEANS TO ATTAIN THE
OBJECTIVES OF HIS PROGRAMMES
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 1166 (XII) OF 20 NOVEMBER
1957 AND 2956B (XXVII) OF 12 DECEMBER 1972 IN CONNEXION WITH
THE EMERGENCY FUND OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,

TAKING NOTE OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME, AS MENTIONED IN PARAGARPH...OF
THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

(1);

AUTHORIZES THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES
TO ALLOCATE FROM THE EMERGENCY FUND, UNDER THE GENERAL DIRECTIVES
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME,
UP TO \$2 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, IT BEING
UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AMOUNT MADE AVAILABLE FOR ONE SINGLE
EMERGENCY SHALL, AS HERETOFORE, NOT EXCEED \$500,000 IN ANY
ONE YEAR.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CONSIDERING THE CONVENTION OF THE REDUCTION OF STATELESSNESS OF
28 AUGUST 1961 AND, IN PARTICULAR, ITS ARTICLES 11 AND 20
REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BODY TO WHICH A PERSON CLAIMING
THE BENEFIT OF THE CONVENTION MAY APPLY FOR THE EXAMINATION OF
HIS CLAIM AND FOR ASSISTANCE IN PRESENTING IT TO THE APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITY,

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NOTING THAT THE CONVENTION WILL COME INTO FORCE ON 13 DECEMBER
1975

HAVING CONSIDERED THE NOTE AND THE EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM OF THE
SECRETARY GENERAL (A/9691),

CONSIDERING THE PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSAL
TO REQUEST THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO
ASSUME THE ABOVE MENTIONED RESPONSIBILITIES;

1. REQUESTS THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSIONER
FOR REFUGEES TO ASSUME THE FUNCTIONS FORESEEN UNDER THE CONVENTION
ON THE REDUCTION OF STATELESSNESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS ARTICLE 11

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PROVIDE THE HIGH
COMMISSIONER THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MEANS, AS
AND WHEN NECESSARY;

3. DECIDES TO REVIEW, NOT LATER THAN AT ITS 31ST REGULAR
SESSION THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE
MADE IN THIS REGARD. UNQUOTE

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